

Long Island

RetroGaming Expo 2024

Event Program



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Marketplace

Whether it's finding rare retro games, hidden gems, special art for your game room, or that one niche item you've been clamoring for, you'll find it in our Marketplace! Full vendor list can be found in the app.

Friday	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sunday	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

General Freeplay

Available all day Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Console Freeplay

All of LI Retro's Console Freeplay sections are themed! Located on the First Floor (right side).

- **FULL MOTION FRENZY (New for 2024!)** - Full Motion Video
- **ANIME ARCADE (New for 2024!)** - Anime
- **THE GROOVE** - Music / Rhythm Games
- **THE PIT STOP** - Driving / Racing Games
- **RUN 'N JUMP** - Platformers
- **PUZZLE PALACE** - Puzzle Games
- **LIGHT GUN ALLEY** - Light Gun Games
- **REALITY CHECK** - Immersive Peripheral Games
- **KUPO KORNER II** - Role Playing Games (RPGs)
- **THROWDOWN TOWN** - Fighting Games
- **SHMUP** - Shooter / Shoot Em' Up Games
- **THE CANVAS** - Creative Art Games
- **THE BIG GAME** - Sports Games
- **THE HALL OF ODDITIES** - Games and Systems a little off the beaten path

PC Freeplay

Curated by LI Retro's own DOS Nostalgia, come experience the widest range of classic PC games you've ever seen. There's a lot more than Oregon Trail! (Don't worry, we have that too). Located on the First Floor (right side).

Arcade Age Exhibit

The Arcade Age Exhibit masterfully restores the best and most historically important arcade cabinets to their original glory. Presented by the Cradle of Aviation and CradleCon. Located on the Second Floor.

Hangar Arcade

Play the greatest competitive arcade games, shooters, beat 'em ups, rhythm games, and pinball machines under the wings of fighter jets! A collection of games and a backdrop like no other. Located on the First Floor (left side).

Exhibits

Available all day Friday, Saturday & Sunday

25 Years of the Sega Dreamcast

This unique exhibit will explore the history, high points, and legacy that will symbolize the Dreamcast's legendary status. This exhibit features games – all playable – that have helped set it apart in the hearts of gamers to this day. Located on the Third Floor.

- Also Visit the DC indie section Sponsored by VGNY Soft on the first floor (right side).
- Custom LI Retro VMUs, themed T-Shirts, and pins available at the Info & Merch booth while supplies last.

Retro Gaming Museum

The Long Island Retro Gaming Museum showcases the most unique and rarest gaming hardware and software, graciously donated by various collectors in our community. Learn and see what made these highly sought-after artifacts of gaming history so special to the overall evolution of video games. We are also thrilled to welcome two new exhibits to the museum -

- The Steve Reid Art Collection
- Nintendo World Championship Memories

Located on the First Floor (right side).

Indie/Homebrew Showcase

Did you know that there are still people making new games for our beloved aging hardware? These talented developers easily show that there is plenty of life left and discoveries to be made in systems that many wrote off as having "complete" libraries long ago. Located on the Second Floor.

Gaming Console Timeline

Walk through over five decades of home and portable gaming consoles where you'll experience the complete timeline of mainstream video game consoles in the living room. Observe the evolution of home gaming, learn a thing or two, and most of all, play! Each console here is playable, letting you experience every game and era firsthand. Located on the Second Floor.

Tetris Exhibit

Considered to be one of the greatest games of all time, LI Retro presents an encompassing view into the history and future of TETRIS. From the original games that started the craze, to its early roots, sequels, spin-offs, and impressive clones, play through them all and understand what made this classic the most-played game of all time. Located on the First Floor in the General Freeplay section.

Food Trucks

All Food trucks located outside of the front of the building. The Museum also has a cafe located in the back of the Marketplace.

- Extreme Empanadas
- Kongbab Korean
- No Good Burger
- The Little Sicilian
- Wild Bill's Soda



Visitors to the PokéLab can not only get pictures with cosplayers from Pokémon's history, but also bring their Game Boy, Game Boy Advance and Nintendo DS Pokémon games to get some rare and legendary Pokémon that were only released at exclusive events spanning the past 3 decades. See the Pokelab page on liretro.com for any pre-requisites needed on your game. Located on the First Floor (right side).

Friday

Pokemon Distribution: Gameboy-Gameboy Advance	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Pokemon Cosplay - Jirachi and Celebi Distribution	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
DS Pokemon Distribution	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday

Pokemon Cosplay - Jirachi and Celebi Distribution	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Pokemon Distribution: Gameboy-Gameboy Advance	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Pokemon Cosplay - Jirachi and Celebi Distribution	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Pokemon Black 2 and White 2 Funfest Meetup	12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pokemon Cosplay - Jirachi and Celebi Distribution	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Pokemon Distribution: DS	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Vinny Vinesauce Meet & Greet	3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Pokemon Distribution: Gameboy-Gameboy Advance	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Sunday

Pokemon Distribution: Gameboy-Gameboy Advance	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Pokemon Cosplay - Jirachi and Celebi Distribution	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Pokemon Distribution: DS	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
Pokemon Cosplay - Jirachi and Celebi Distribution	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Pokemon Distribution: Gameboy-Gameboy Advance	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Cosplay

Cosplayers from all fandoms come to LI Retro to share their passion for their favorite game, anime, comic, film or art. All attendees are welcome to share their passion and dress up as the character or concept of their choice.

All on-site registration (if applicable) will be located at the LI Retro Info / Merch Booth.

Cosplay Fashion Show (Friday)	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Main Theatre	

Cosplay Contest (Saturday)	3:30 PM - 5:30PM
Main Theatre	

Kids Cosplay Contest (Sunday)	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Panel Room 2	

HIGH SCORE CHALLENGE

Relive the glory days of gaming when nailing the highest ranking meant something. Players of all skillsets are welcome to participate in a number of casual high-score challenges where the goal is simple: rack up points while having fun. Located on the Second Floor.

All challenges are free to enter.

Friday

Sonic Adventure 2 - City Escape - Time Trial	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Pokemon Yellow - Surfing Pikachu	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Garou: Mark of the Wolves - Survival Mode	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Vib Ribbon (Rhythm Game)	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Saturday

Game & Watch Gallery 3 - Turtle Bridge	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Mischief Makers - Cerberus A - Time Attack	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Final Fantasy 9 - Jump Rope	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Just Dance	2:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Space Invaders 95'	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Nintendo Land - DK Crash Course	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Robot Unicorn Attack	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Bonus Freeplay @ High Score Challenge	8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Sunday

Mega Man 10 - Endless Mode	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Neon Genesis Evangelion: Typing Project Advanced	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tetris The Grand Master 2	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
High Score Challenge - Freeplay	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Kids Scavenger Hunt

Help! Ash needs your help catching as many Pokémons as he can, will you help him become the best Pokémon Master there is?! Visit the LI Retro Merch and Information Booth to start your adventure!

Panels

Friday

Long Island Retro Gaming Expo Kickoff Panel! 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Main Theatre

Join AshSaidHi and some special guests as they explore this years guest speaker lineup and highlight all the special exhibits at the Long Island Retro Gaming Expo.

The Immortal John Hancock 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Panel Room 2

John is a longtime collector of video games., & uploads weekly content to his YouTube channel that covers everything from Atari to Xbox. He loves to share his passion about video games with others. Please join us for an interactive chat with The Immortal John Hancock!

Prototype Games, Explained 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM
Main Theatre

Collectors and archivists alike are enthralled by prototype video games but what are they, really? And how much attention should we pay them? Guest speaker Frank Cifaldi of the Video Game History Foundation draws on over 25 years of experience handling literally thousands of them to give a first-time-ever lecture, exclusively for LI Retro attendees!

Freud, Mario and Van Gogh's ear: The Intersection of Mental Health and Game Design with Jared Petty 6:15 PM - 7:15PM
Panel Room 2

Mental illness has long fueled and inspired literature, theater, film, music, and visual art. What happens when the young interactive medium of video games interacts with the nuanced challenges and treatment of behavioral health?

Wulff Den Live! 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Panel Room 2

Join Bob Wulff , who makes videos about new and retro consoles and cool little gaming gadgets. Dexerto called him a "notable retro gamer" and Twitter called him "not a notable person" so believe whoever you want.

Panels

Saturday

Morph Ball Mayhem: 30 Years of Super Metroid 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Main Theatre

Join video game historian Jeremy Parish and the knowledgeable crew from My Life In Gaming as they celebrate 30 years of Super Metroid! Dive deep into the development, legacy, and lasting impact of this iconic Super Nintendo classic. Hear behind-the-scenes stories, personal anecdotes, and fascinating insights about the game that revolutionized the Metroidvania genre.

Ralph Baer: His Creative Life in Electronics, Games and More . . . 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Panel Room 2

In the 1950s, an unknown engineer in a then unrelated industry - television production - thought that televisions could be used for more than just one-way communication. By the 1960s that engineer - Ralph H. Baer - began working on a interactive prototype called the Brown Box. That prototype would be commercially produced as the Magnavox Odyssey, and thus the video game world would never be the same. Lenny Herman, video game historian and Ralph's son Mark will reflect on those early days and how one man's vision changed the world.

CUPodcast Live! 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Main Theatre

Pat and Ian discuss the latest in video games, movies, retro game topics, and take Q&A from the audience!

New York Video Game Critics Circle 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Panel Room 2

Join Ryan O'Callaghan (Executive Director) and members of The New York Video Game Critics Circle for a discussion on the intersection of gaming and education. The NYVCC is a nonprofit that provides games writing education to students in underserved communities with a focus on career pathways.

Vinesauce Unleashed! Chaos, Mayhem, and Maybe Some Games. 2:00 PM - 3:00PM Main Theatre

Vinny Vinesauce returns to LI Retro for an exclusive panel appearance for his fans followed by a meet and greet in the Pokelab.

Growing Up Sega: A Trip Down Sega's Console Timeline . . . 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Panel Room 2

Join G to the Next Level and Greg Stewart for a walk through Sega's console history. G and Greg will share their memories and discuss the importance of each generation of Sega's console hardware in this nostalgic retrospective.

Panels

Saturday continued

Remembering Satoru Iwata	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Panel Room 2	

Join Lucas Thomas of Nintendo Force Magazine as he discusses & celebrates the life and lasting legacy of Nintendo's legendary president.

TASBot Perfects Pokemon: Emulators and Romhacks	4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Panel Room 2	

After 25 years, what more can be done to preserve and perfect the first generation of Pokemon Games? The TASBot team and Ambassador Travis 'TiKevin83' McGeehan have been hard at work researching new ways to preserve playing Gen 1 Pokemon in the most accurate way possible to the broadest audience with T3Boy. The TASBot team will also be discussing Fort Knox edition, a Romhack of Pokemon Yellow which attempts to preserve knowledge of Pokemon Yellow's bugs by creating patches for them.

Fireside Chat with Gail Tilden	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Main Theatre	

Please help us welcome Nintendo legend Gail Tilden to her first ever Long Island Retro Gaming Expo! Gail will share stories of launching the NES in the 80s, creating Nintendo Power magazine, introducing Pokemon to the United States, and more! Moderated by Frank Cifaldi of the Video Game History Foundation.

The Making of Q*Bert	6:00 PM - 7:00PM
Panel Room 2	

Warren Davis, designer and programmer of the original Q*Bert arcade game, tells the story of its creation from his hiring at Gottlieb through the inception of the game, its development, release and aftermath. Find out what went on behind-the-scenes to bring this iconic game to life. Followed by a Q&A where Warren will answer questions about his career.

Online Gaming in the BBS Era	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Panel Room 2	

Before there was an internet, we already had "Online Gaming." Join the GenXGrownUp crew as they discuss an era of PC gaming forgotten by most, but remembered fondly, by a few.

Diamond Feit's Retro Gaming Trivia Challenge	8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Panel Room 2	

Think you're a retro gaming expert? Put your knowledge to the test as Diamond Feit hosts an epic trivia challenge! They'll be firing off questions about forgotten classics, iconic characters, and everything in between. Get ready to flex your brainpower, show off your retro cred, and maybe even win a prize. Whether you're a casual gamer or a die-hard enthusiast, this is one challenge you won't want to miss!

Panels

Sunday

Retro Rampage with Jeremy Parish & the Retronauts 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Main Theatre

Grab your controllers and power up those memories! Jeremy Parish and a crew of fellow Retronauts are beaming into our theater for an evening of unfiltered retro gaming goodness. Expect deep dives into forgotten classics, heated debates about which console was truly the best, and maybe even a surprise or two. Don't miss this chance to celebrate the games that shaped our childhoods with the experts who know them best. It's going to be a session of pure, unadulterated nostalgia!

Old School Gamer - Documenting History and Having Fun Doing It 11AM - 12PM Panel Room 2

Ryan Burger, the publisher of Old School Gamer will be heading a panel of writers from the magazine and talking about what they do, why it's so fun and how you can get involved. They will be giving out magazines, books and more to ALL in attendance!

Gail Force: An Intimate Interview with a Nintendo Legend . . . 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Main Theatre

Join video game historians Jeremy Parish and Lucas Thomas (founder of Nintendo Force Magazine) as they sit down for an exclusive interview with industry veteran Gail Tilden. Get a rare glimpse into Gail's influential history with Nintendo, from the NES launch to the rise of Nintendo Power Magazine. Discover the stories behind the marketing campaigns that shaped a generation of gamers and hear personal anecdotes from one of the most important figures in Nintendo history. This is a can't-miss panel for any Nintendo fan!

Video Game of the Year 2:00 PM - 3:00PM Main Theatre

Was this the video game of the year? Experience the most heated discussion in the history of video games — what are the best, boldest and most bizarre games since 1977? Join Tim Rogers, Jordan Minor and Luis Aguasvivas as they look back and dive deep into gaming history and the games you love.

The History of the History of Videogames 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Panel Room 2

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of the world's first videogame history book: Phoenix. Now, the book's author, the father of videogame history, Leonard Herman, explores the history of the book itself, from its humble beginnings in 1987 to a new fifth edition that's in the works.

Panels

Sunday continued

CAGcast Live! 3:30 PM - 4:30PM

Main Theatre

Since 2005, the CAGcast has been a pretty silly podcast about video games and the topics that affect gamers. Hosts CheapyD, Wombat, and Shipwreck talk industry news, review games, supply game shopping tips and generally share too much of their personal lives. Giving new meaning to "Talk is Cheap", the CAGcast is the official Podcast of the video game shopping community, CheapAssGamer.com. Join the crew as they meet their fans and record a live episode of the CAGcast.

Playing the Hits: Pop Music Influences in Video Game Music . . 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Panel Room 2

Craft your way through the growth of video game music as viewed as an extension of pop music with Dr. Christopher Hopkins, author of "Video Game Audio: A History 1972-2020" by McFarland Publishing. Use the video game music doctor's tips and tricks to unlock the secrets that video game music composers borrowed from the audio treasure chests of pop music.

Musical Performances

ConSoul Saturday 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM

Second Floor

Get ready for a musical adventure like no other! ConSoul is bringing the magic of video game music to life at the LI Retro. Don't miss your chance to see this Big Band and experience iconic themes like you've never heard them before.

Sad Toy Cats Saturday 4:00 PM

Second Floor

Get ready for a gaming groove! This multi-man band brings electric rock, acoustic vibes, and orchestral elements to iconic video game themes.

Bit Brigade Saturday 8:30 PM

Main Theatre

Bit Brigade is coming to an IMAX theater, live at the Expo! Marvel as they speedrun, blazing through The Legend of Zelda and Castlevania on the big screen WHILE a rock band performs the entire soundtrack live. It's a match made in heaven that will blow your mind! You won't want to miss this unforgettable combo of gaming and music.

88Bit Sunday 12 PM

Second Floor

Imagine your favorite NES soundtracks reimagined on the piano, performed live by an award-winning maestro. Now stop imagining and come see it.

TOURNAMENTS

Located on the First Floor (right side).

All registration will be done on-site, and will close 10 minutes before tournament start time. For full rule sets please see the tournament listing on the schedule in our app.

Friday

King of Fighters '98 (PS4)	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tekken 8 (PS5)	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tetris (Switch)	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Pokemon Stadium 2 Minigames (N64) (KIDS)	7:00 PM - 9:45 PM
Guilty Gear Isuka (PS2)	7:00 PM - 9:45 PM
Wii Bowling	7:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Saturday

NHL 94 (Genesis)	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tecmo Super Bowl(NES)	11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Puyo Puyo 2 (PS2)	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Samurai Showdown Special V (PS4)	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate (Switch)	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Killer Instinct (SNES)	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Street Fighter EX 3 (PS2)	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Marvel Vs. Capcom 2 (Dreamcast)	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Star Fox Assault (Gamecube)	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Super Mario Bros 3 - Versus Mode (SNES) (KIDS)	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
NBA Jam (SNES)	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Street Fighter 6 (PS4)	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Soulcalibur II (PS2)	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Windjammers (Switch)	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Mario Kart 64 (N64)	7:00 PM - 9:45 PM
Shaq Fu World Championship (Genesis)	7:00 PM - 9:45 PM

Sunday

Tekken 3 (PS1)	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Twisted Metal III (PS1)	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Super Smash Bros Ultimate (Switch)	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Power Stone (Dreamcast)	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Kirby 64 - Minigame Mode (KIDS)	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Dragonball Z: Budokai 3 (PS2)	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Join EON Gaming, the company bringing you the best in HD adapters for your Nintendo 64, GameCube, and original Xbox! Play all of your favorite games on modern day HDTVs with their Super 64, GCHD Mk-II, and XBHD! They'll be doing hourly tournaments with prizes for all who play. Sign ups will start at the beginning of each day, so make sure to show up early!

Located on the First Floor (near the ticket counter).

Friday

Mario Kart Double Dash	.....	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Halo 2 2v2's	.....	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Mario Kart Double Dash	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Saturday

Mario Kart Double Dash Grand Prix Supreme	12:00 PM Start Time
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Sign ups start at 10am. 64 Player Max

Rules:

- Teams of 2 required (total limit: 32 teams)
- 5 total races per round
- Double elimination (meaning if you lose, your team goes to the losers bracket)
- Top 4 teams (1st to 4th place) per round will advance to the next round
- Loser round winners will be decided in a Balloon Battle mode
- Balloon Battle mode time limit 7 minutes
- Top 4 teams will advance, bottom 4 teams will be eliminated

Grand Finals Rules:

- 8 total races
- Winner of the grand prix will be determined by points

Sunday

Mario Tennis Doubles	.....	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mario Kart Double Dash	.....	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Halo 2 2v2's	.....	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Mario Kart Double Dash	.....	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Mario Kart Double Dash	.....	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Halo 2 8v8 Big Team Battle	.....	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grab your Gear

Stop by the LIRG information booth to pick up your exclusive LI Retro Merch!

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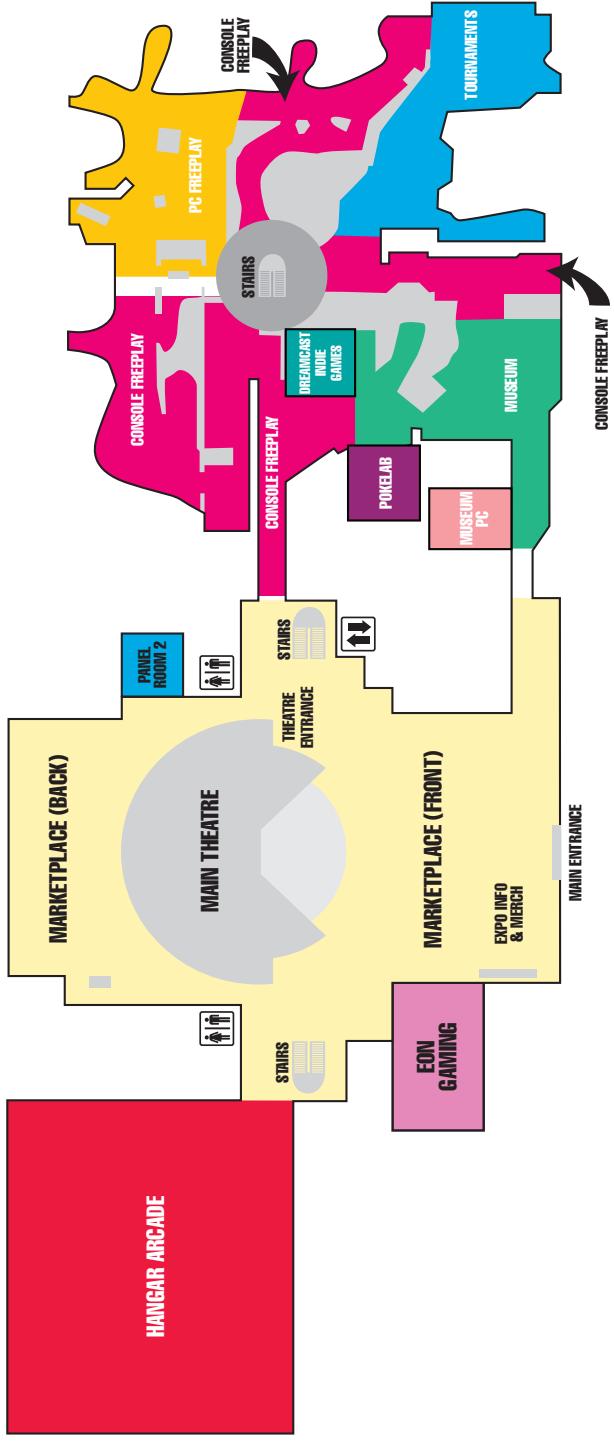
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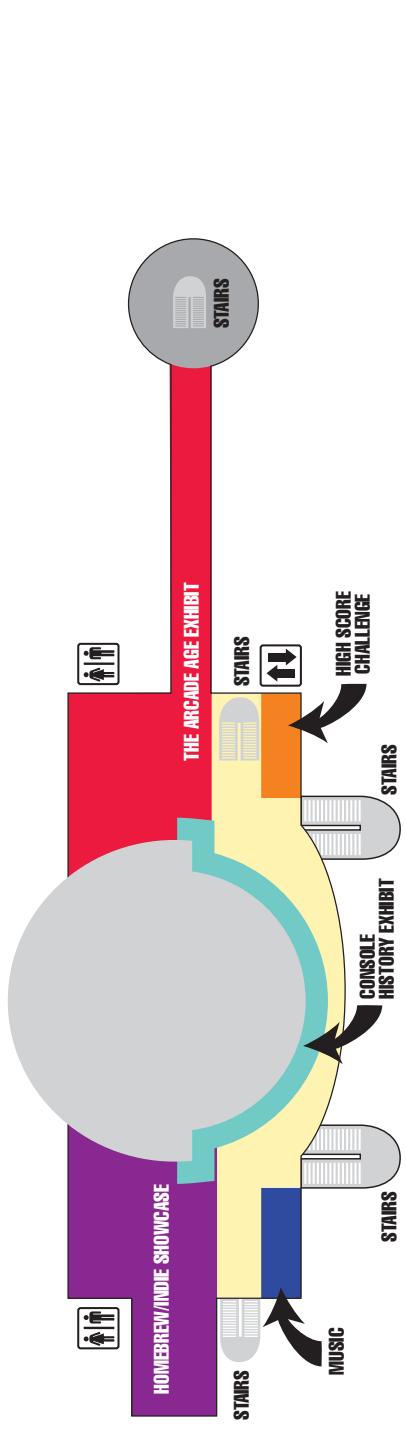


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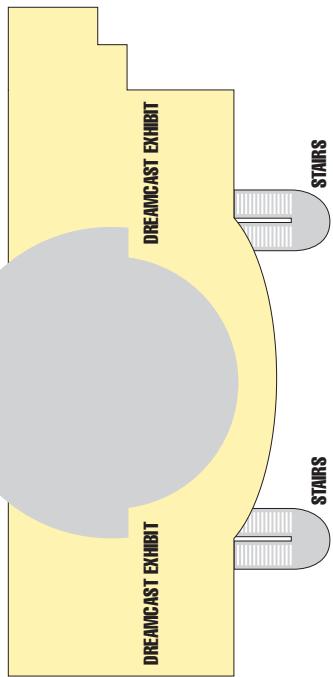
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